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JANUARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



In 2002, 85 new cases of invasive cervical cancer were diagnosed in Kansas women and 35 died of this disease. Yet, as a result of early diagnosis through a Pap test, invasive cervical cancer is almost 100 percent preventable. January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month, designated to call attention to this disease and the importance of regular Pap tests.

The Pap test, introduced in 1943, is probably the most successful screening tool for cancer yet developed. Prior to the availability of this test, cervical cancer was the leading cause of cancer death in women in the United States. Now cervical cancer ranks number fourteen and accounts for less than one percent of cancer deaths in the U.S.

Deaths from cervical cancer could drop even lower if more women routinely had a Pap test. As cervical cancer produces no symptoms in the early stages, this screening is extremely important. A Pap test is a simple procedure for collecting a sample of cells from a woman's cervix. Fifty million women a year in the United States have Pap tests. Sixty to 80 percent of invasive cervical cancer cases diagnosed each year occur in women who have not had a Pap test for five years or more. The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommend that women start screening at age 21 or three years following onset of sexual activity, whichever comes first. Regular repeat screening should be conducted as recommended by a woman's medical provider.

Early detection can save your life.



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In Kansas, the Early Detection Works (EDW) program and the Medicaid Treatment Act program provide cervical cancer screening and treatment for women age 40 to 64. To be eligible for this program, a woman's income must be no more than 250 percent of the federal poverty level, and she must have either no insurance or insurance with a high, unmet deductible. EDW provides pelvic exams and Pap tests and, if indicated, follow-up services such as biopsies. If diagnosed with cancer, the woman will be referred to Medicaid for appropriate treatment.

Since its origin in October 1995, Early Detection Works (EDW) has provided Pap tests for 19,531 women in Kansas. In that time, EDW has diagnosed 16 cases of invasive cervical cancer. During the same time period, EDW identified 435 precancerous conditions in Kansas women which, when treated in a timely manner, were prevented from developing into deadly invasive cancer. When discovered early, the cure rate for cervical cancer is more than 90

percent. Lack of regular screening increases the risk of finding advanced dysplasia or cervical cancer. The Pap test can detect abnormalities of cervical cells early enough that the condition can be corrected before cancer develops.

Several factors increase the risk of developing cervical cancer. These risk factors include a history of multiple sex partners, having a partner who has had multiple partners, or having had sexual intercourse prior to age 16. Having multiple sexual partners increases a woman's chance of contracting human papilloma virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted virus that is the foremost risk factor for cancer of the cervix. HPV is very common and does not always lead to cervical cancer. While there are more than 100 types of HPV, only a few have the potential to cause cancer. Someday a vaccine may protect women against these HPV viruses. Doctors currently believe that up to 90 percent of cervical cancer is caused by the HPV virus.

Additional risk factors for cervical cancer include HIV-AIDS infection or other conditions which compromise the immune system.

Smoking also increases the risk of cervical cancer. Tobacco has a damaging effect in general on women's reproductive



health, including reduced fertility and increased risk of miscarriage, premature birth, stillbirth, and low birth weight in infants. Overall, cigarette smoking accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths. It is a major cause of cancers of the lung, larynx (voice box), oral cavity, pharynx (throat), and esophagus, and is a contributing cause in the development of cancers of the cervix, bladder, pancreas, liver, kidney, stomach, colon and rectum, and some leukemias.

Probably as a result of different screening practices, cervical cancer rates vary significantly among different racial and ethnic groups. The cervical cancer rate for white women is about eight cases per 100,000 U.S. women. For African-American women the cervical cancer rate is about 14 per 100,000 and for Hispanic women about 15 per 100,000. Among Vietnamese women, the cervical cancer rate rises to 43 per 100,000 women. Increased screening followed by appropriate medical treatment for these population groups could lower the rate of invasive cervical cancer.

Worldwide, about 500,000 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed yearly. Eighty percent of

these cases are in developing countries, where cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer death. Cervical cancer rates are highest in Central America and sub-Saharan Africa. About 280,000 women die of cervical cancer annually. Without treatment, invasive cervical cancer is always fatal.

DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF KANSAS FOUNDATION FUNDS GRANT TO EDUCATE PREGNANT WOMEN ON PRENATAL ORAL HEALTH



Delta Dental Plan of Kansas Foundation will help provide education and training on oral health issues for pregnant women in Kansas. The Foundation will fund "Pregnancy and Prenatal Oral Health: An Education & Training Program for Pregnant Women," which is an initiative of the Kansas Head Start Association.

The \$29,850 grant will assist with reaching out to more than 25,000 pregnant women and their families seeking prenatal services in 35 Kansas counties with oral health consumer education materials.

Established in 2003, the Delta Dental Plan of Kansas Foundation is committed to addressing the problems of increased access to dental care for underserved populations, building the capacity to provide dental care, increasing public awareness of oral health, and promoting the prevention of oral disease. Individuals seeking more information may visit the Foundation's Web site at

<http://www.deltadentalksfoundation.org> or may call Executive Director Karen Carlin at 913-327-3727.

IMMUNIZE AND WIN A PRIZE! Outreach Information

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Immunization Program implemented an Immunization Outreach Pilot Project "Immunize and Win a Prize" on August 1, 2003. The pilot project ended on September

17. The purpose of the project was to promote and increase immunizations of children ages birth-35



**Immunize
and win a Prize!**

months in order to prevent future illness. During the project, each time a child was immunized in a participating clinic, the parent received a different incentive on each visit, incentives included: Bottle of Infants Tylenol, digital thermometer, first aid kit or \$10 worth of free coupons to the local Sonic

stores in the county. Each child that completed their primary immunization series, 4 DtaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib and 3 Hep B were entered into a grand prize drawing that were held at the Local Health Departments. Each county had three winners, each winning either \$300 paid toward the utility bill of their choice, an all expense paid weekend vacation to the Sedgwick County Zoo or 35 hours of free long distance service provided by Birch Telecom. There were 30 winning families from the 10 counties that participated which included: Cherokee, Crawford, Cowley, Geary, Labette, Montgomery, Riley, Saline, Shawnee, and Wyandotte.

The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care performed their "Childhood Immunization Measurement" in these 10 counties before the pilot project began, and again approximately eight months into the project. At that time, these ten counties showed a 30 percent overall increase in their immunization rates. The next "Childhood Immunization Measurement" data collection is scheduled for March and April 2005, with final results being released in early June 2005.



Due to the current success of this pilot project, funding has been made available to continue and expand the "Immunize and Win a Prize" program statewide to all 105 counties, to any and all Vaccines For Children (VFC) providers who chose to participate. Any child birth- two years of age that receive their immunizations at a Vaccines For Children immunization provider will be eligible to receive incentives. The "per visit" incentives for this project will include Infants Tylenol, Digital Thermometers and our own Bee Wise Beanie Bee! Families of children who complete their primary series of 4-3-1-3-3-1 (now including Varicella vaccine) by age two will be entered into the grand prize drawings to be announced soon!

This project is made available by Social Rehabilitative Services Medicaid program with funding from tobacco settlement money received by the state of Kansas, Centers for Disease Control, CDC, along with our partners Birch Telecom and McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals.

If you are a Vaccines For Children provider in Kansas, and are interested in becoming apart of

this statewide project, please e-mail Mike Parsons at Mparsons@kdhe.state.ks.us or call 785-296-3975.

DECEMBER IS NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

Impaired driving will affect one in three Americans during their lifetime. In 2002, 17,419 people in the United States died in alcohol-related deaths.



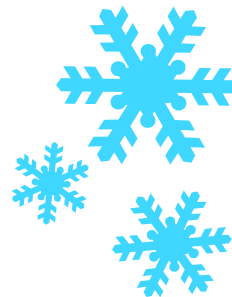
December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month (3D Month) by Presidential Proclamation.

Quick Facts About Impaired Driving:

- ✓ An alcohol-related motor vehicle crash kills someone every 30 minutes and nonfatally injures someone every two minutes.
- ✓ Each year, alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost about \$51 billion.
- ✓ Most drinking and driving episodes go undetected. In 2001, more than 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics (FBI 2001). That's slightly more than one percent of the 120 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year.
- ✓ Rates have begun to rise after a decade of decline in alcohol-related fatal crashes. Since 1999, they have increased slightly by four percent to ten percent for all age groups except for ages 16 to 17.
- ✓ To further decrease alcohol-related fatal crashes, communities need to implement and enforce strategies that are known to be effective, such as sobriety checkpoints, 0.08 percent BAC laws, minimum legal drinking age laws, and "zero tolerance" laws for young drivers.
- ✓ Drugs other than alcohol (e.g., marijuana and cocaine) are involved in about 18 percent of motor vehicle driver deaths. These other drugs are generally used in combination with alcohol.

For more facts, see CDC's impaired driving fact sheet at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/spotlite/3d.htm>



HOLIDAY COOKING: KEEPING IT SAFE!

From the buffet table to the office party, food moves center stage throughout the holiday season. Be sure to keep food safe by following basic food safety steps. . . .



- ❑ **Clean:** Wash hands and food-contact surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get into cutting boards, knives, sponges, and counter tops.
- ❑ **Separate:** Don't cross-contaminate – don't let bacteria spread from one food product to another. This is especially true for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.
- ❑ **Cook:** Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.
- ❑ **Chill:** Refrigerate promptly. Refrigerating foods quickly keeps most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 40 F and the freezer at 0 F, and the accuracy of the settings should be checked occasionally with a thermometer.

For more information about food safety go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/holidaycook.htm>.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

January 26
 March 23
 May 25
 July 27
 September 28
 November 30

North Central Region: Meetings are from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 22
 April 26
 June 28
 August 23
 October 25
 December 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions.

March 10
 June 9
 September 8
 December 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 10
 April 14
 June 9
 August 11
 October 13
 December 8

Southeast Kansas Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions.

February 3
 May 12
 August 4
 November 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Garden City, location to be announced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

January 21
 March 18
 May 20
 July 15
 September 16
 November 18

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Linzi Meyer - has joined the Tuberculosis (TB) Program staff effective December 6, as the TB Information Assistant, Bureau of Epidemiology & Disease Prevention for KDHE. She will be working closely with DeAnna McClenahan, RN, on the HAWK registry, particularly with TB infection cases and TB contact tracing. Linzi has previously worked as Administrative Assistant at ConnectCare in Wichita working with the HIV programs and most recently working with a Pulmonologist in Wichita.

NEWS BRIEFS

Early Head Start Pregnancy and Oral Health Services



The Delta Dental Plan of Kansas Foundation has awarded a grant to Kansas Head Start Association, in partnership with Legacy Foundation of Cowley County, KS, to establish an education and training program on oral health services for pregnant women.

- The grant serves 35 counties scattered throughout Kansas where Early Head Start programs and Cowley County Tiny Teeth provide services to pregnant women, infants, and toddlers and their families.
- Potentially 25,000 pregnant women and their families will receive materials, education and training on maintaining quality oral health.

Pregnant women's poor oral health can affect significantly the health of the fetus, the woman, and her newborn child.

- Pregnant women must consume appropriate amounts of folic acid and calcium to ensure that teeth and palate are developing correctly in the fetus.
- The pregnant woman's oral health is often in danger from morning sickness, poor nutrition, hormone induced gingivitis, and misinformation about dental care when pregnant. Based on recommendations from Academy of Periodontology, pregnant women need a dental cleaning and exam to determine her oral health status. Dental professionals can recommend necessary guidance and treatment to ensure good oral health.
- Untreated gum and tooth disease can result in severe infections. While research on the link between periodontal disease and low-birth weight babies and preterm labor is inconclusive, it is prudent to ensure that pregnant women are assessed for oral infections and receive appropriate treatment. March of Dimes estimates that one out of eight births in the United States "arrives too soon." Of the 35 counties being served by this project, 15 counties report that over seven percent of births are low-birth weight babies.
- Women with untreated tooth decay may have high levels of Step Mutans. If pregnant women do not follow recommendations from dental professionals to reduce this bacteria, they most likely will pass this decay-producing bacteria on to their infants.

If women learn to master their own oral hygiene when pregnant, they may be more likely to continue oral hygiene for themselves and their children.

Local Health and Environment Training Needs Assessment



The Office of Local and Rural Health is coordinating the implementation of a needs assessment that will measure the training needs of the local public health staff.

A similar assessment was conducted earlier this year with KDHE staff. The survey uses the Core Public Health competency set developed by the Council on Linkages between Academia and Practice as its basis for assessment. In addition, a set of emergency preparedness competencies developed by Columbia School of Nursing and bioterrorism competencies developed by the Emory School of Public Health will be used to assess training in those areas. For each competency, you will be asked to rate your ability and importance of the competency to your current job, from high (4) to low (1). An example question will look like the following:

| | Personal-ability | | | | Importance for performing job | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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The survey is admittedly long because of the number of competencies included in each. However, it will take only 20-30 minutes to complete.

You might be wondering how the information will be used. Its main purpose is for use in planning training programs that will meet the needs of local public health staff. You will also be able to identify your personal training needs by calculating a "needs" score for each domain (or set of competencies.) Negative scores indicate that you might want to pursue training related to that competency set. The information on how to calculate the score will be provided with the survey.

We will be working with the BT regions to coordinate completion of the surveys during the months of January and February. Thanks in advance for participating! For questions, contact: Linda Frazier, PH Workforce Development Coordinator
e-mail: lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us
Phone: 785-296-3641 Cell: 785-231-4504

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Regional Planning

Regionalization
of Bioterrorism
Preparedness
and Response:
Evidence



Report/Technology Assessment No. 96, AHRQ Publication Number 04-E016-2. Nov 2004.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/gils/00000767.htm>

"Guidance on Dealing with Fatalities in Emergencies." United Kingdom Home Office. 2004.

<http://www.ukresilience.info/contingencies/pubs/fatalities.pdf>



Attached is the approved, final coordination version of the National Response Plan. The White House Homeland Security Council Principals Committee gave final approval to this version on November 18. A new FEMA Independent Study course will accompany the National Response Plan's release - IS 800 - and will be available shortly on the FEMA Emergency Management Institute Web-site. It is anticipated that this will also be available on KS-TRAIN.

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

Building Vulnerability Assessment Tool (HVAC and air handling systems), Rhode Island Department of Health, November 2004.

<http://www.health.ri.gov/media/041122a.php>

<http://www.health.ri.gov/environment/bvat.pdf>



FYI the DHS Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS) system has just posted the complete Titan Station Night Club Fire report on its Web site.

<https://www.llis.dhs.gov> The

web site requires registration but is accessible. Once you get to the report, it is a huge document (>30MB) and takes some time to download/view. For those local, I have put the whole report on a CD if you wish to borrow it.

(Gregory.Banner@health.ri.gov)

"Management of Dead Bodies in Disaster Situations" 2204, 193pp ISBN 9275 12529 5 Price is \$15.00, but it is available for a free download at:

<http://www.paho.org/english/dd/ped/DeadBodiesBook.pdf>

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CONFERENCES

Kansas Public Health Nursing & MCH

Save the date for "Sailing the C's of Public Health" May 3-5 at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Conference Save the Date!

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Conference will be held at the Wichita Hyatt Regency on April 7 – 8. This



Conference will interest both cancer survivors and professionals. "From Survivorship to Thrivership" is the keynote topic. The keynote speaker will be Linda Burhansstipanov, MSPH, DrPH, CHES, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Breakout sessions will cover the latest developments in breast and cervical cancer treatment, the clinical breast exam, self-breast exam, clinical trials, issues of race and ethnicity, and much, much more. Nursing CNE's are available.

Early Detection Works, KDHE's breast and cervical cancer screening program, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are jointly sponsoring this conference.

For more information or to get on the mailing list, call Crystal Burgoon at 785-296-1207.



OPEN JOB POSITIONS



Adult & Child Care Facility Surveyor

Johnson County Public Health is seeking a full-time Adult & Child Care Facility Surveyor. The surveyor will promote quality care in all Adult Care Facilities in the county through education, consultation and assessment of those facilities to determine their compliance with Kansas State regulations, standards and laws. The surveyor will also complete on-site visits for licensure, re-licensure, and compliant visits to all types of childcare facilities. Individual and group education will be offered to various programs. Requires a BSN in Nursing, must be a registered nurse licensed in KS, with two to three years of pediatric and geriatric experience.

Apply on-line at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources at 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600, Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

Medical Technologist

Johnson County Public Health is seeking a full-time Medical Technologist. The Medical Technologist will be responsible for following the laboratory's procedures for specimen collection, handling process, result reporting and record maintenance. Incumbent will also adhere to the laboratory's policies with regard to Quality Control, Quality Assurance and remedial action; will ensure that tests and testing systems perform to acceptable levels of performance; will ensure that the patients' results are not reported until all remedial actions are taken



when indicated, will identify problems that adversely affect test performance and will document all corrective action taken. The Medical Technologist will also provide orientation to testing personnel by annually evaluating and documenting performance and must be accessible to testing person-

nel at all times testing is performed to provide on-site, telephone or electronic consultation to resolve technical problems. Incumbent will also maintain records that proficiency testing samples are tested in the same manner as patient samples, will be responsible for proper management of bio-hazardous wastes, will maintain acceptable laboratory practices according to OSHA requirements and daily decontamination of work area and will also perform calibrations when necessary and will interpret moderate and high complexity test results.

Requires a Bachelor's degree in the Science in Medical Technology, biology, chemistry, or related field. One-year internship at an accredited hospital is required; college transcripts with proof of graduation is required. Experience performing moderate to high complexity testing is preferred. Valid driver's license and the ASCP Medical Technology certificate is required. Apply on-line at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

Nurse Practitioner



Johnson County Public Health is seeking a full-time Nurse Practitioner. The Nurse Practitioner will perform comprehensive physical examinations at the ARNP level for Women's/Men's Health, Prenatal and/or Well Child Program.

Incumbent will prescribe and dispense medications, will determine necessity for and obtaining laboratory test for detection disorders, will provide evaluations and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, will educate clients regarding HIV prevention, will serve as consultant for clinic staff regarding diagnosis, treatment regime and clinic referrals, will assist and contribute to the accuracy/thoroughness of records and statistics, will provide community education to school nurses and other health related facilities, will participate in orientation of new staff for the Family Health Services program and will participate with the updating and redesigning of program policies, procedures and standing orders. Requires a Master's degree in nursing and two years of nursing experience in Women's health; two additional years of Pediatric and Prenatal Nursing experience is preferred. Will also require a criminal background check, a valid driver's license and incumbent is required to obtain 30 hours of continuing education units every two years to maintain current license and current Kansas Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner License. Incumbent must also attend Kansas Department of Health and Environment HIV/AIDS

counseling and training prior to providing counseling services and annual update. Apply on-line at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

Environmental Sanitarian

The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a full-time Environmental Sanitarian. The successful candidate will conduct the environmental part of the nursing facility survey in conjunction with the KDOA survey team and will assist with complaints as requested by KDOA. The Environmental Sanitarian will conduct monitoring visits in conjunction with the adult care nurse on large or problematic adult care facilities, will conduct and/or assist with child care visits to include initials, renewals, complaints and compliance checks, and will process licensing amendments as received from child care facilities; this may or may not require an on-site visit. Incumbent will also conduct classes, consultations and workshops on licensing regulations and other environmental health/safety issues, will assist with visits/investigations involving problematic septic systems, private wells, private swimming pools and playgrounds and will coordinate with Environmental Department, Communicable Disease Division and other A/CCF surveyors as needed. The successful candidate will also conduct visits/investigations involving lead, food safety and other environmental health and safety concerns and will coordinate with Environmental Department, Communicable Disease Division and other A/CCF surveyors as needed. Requires a Bachelor's degree in environmental health or similar degree; registered sanitarian (or eligible to set for the exam – exam would need to be taken and passed within six months of employment). Requires regulatory experience in adult care facilities, childcare facilities, or public health; two-three years experience minimal and one-two years working experience with problematic septic systems, wells and pools. Criminal history check and a valid driver's license required.

Apply on-line at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources at 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600, Olathe, KS 66061. EOE



TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter Training Schedule 2005



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

North Central Kansas

Mercy Regional Health Center
1823 College Ave, Manhattan
February 10-11 & 16-18, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City
Area SRS Building
April 18 - 22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Wichita
Sunflower Room 2202
June 6-10, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2005

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.



Pittsburg - January 25 -26, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Pittsburg Municipal Auditorium
503 N. Pine, Pittsburg

Wichita - February 22-23, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room, Wichita

Hays - March 21-22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fort Hays State University
600 Park Street, Fort Hays
Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room

Salina - March 23-24, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Salina
Board Room

Dodge City - April 14-15, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Western Plains Medical Complex
108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail her at caners@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller, bmiller@jvskc.org.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

See PHTN Web site at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> to view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

December Downlinks on Webcasts

| January 2005 | |
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| 01/06/05 9:00 - 10:00 AM ET Rebroadcast 4:00 - 5:00 PM ET | School of Public Health - University at Albany State University of New York Center for Public Health Preparedness Grand Round Series: Assessing Chemical Exposure: A Different Approach For additional information please e-mail: cphp@uamail.albany.edu or phone (518) 486-7921. View flyer. |
| 01/20/05 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET | Third Thursday Breakfast Broadcast Keeping the Winter Layer Off For more information and registration, contact Cheryl Reeves at 518-402-0335, email creeves@albany.edu , or visit http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/t2b2.html |
| 01/26/05 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET | The Department of Homeland Security and the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute present Live Response: "Manage and Coordinate a Large Scale WMD Incident While Maintaining Routine Operations" For more information and registration, contact Ed Kronholm at 877-820-0305 or visit: "Live Response 26 January 2005" |
| 01/26/05 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET | Folic Acid (Public Health Staff Development) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphntn . |
| CDC 01/28/05 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET | "Public Health Grand Rounds" Vaccine Shortages: Protecting the Public's Health Amid Ethical and Strategic Concerns For more information, visit http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu/ . |

Area Health Education Centers



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:
<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program-

<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine –

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training –

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_public.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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